objective of IVCOL was to produce: 20 million doses of measles, 10 million doses of inactivated polio (IPV), 2 million doses of rabies and 40 million doses of quadruple vaccines. As per the policy of the National Immunisation Programme to use only the oral polio vaccine (OPV) for polio control, a review of the "product mix" of IVCOL has been done. The experts are examining the possibility of indigenous production of OPV using the verocell lines. The negotiations are under progress for further implementation of this project.

Eosat to purchase satellite Data Generated by IRS-1B

*265. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USAs Earth Operation Statellite Co. (EOSAT) has offered to purchase satellite data generated by the Indian Remote Sensing Statellitte (IRS-1B), since it has been found to be superior in quality to the data generated by the USA's own LANDSAT, as reported in the Times of India, dated June 19, 1994; and

(b) whether Government are exploring the possibility of more such scientific and technological transaction with the USA and other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER,S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) USA's Earth Observation Satellite Company (EOSAT) a Commercial Company, has entered into agreements with the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), an autonomous society under the Department of Space, to receive, sell and market the data from IRS-1B Statellite in the international market. The primary reason for EOSATs interest in IRS-1B data is to have complementary data from various satellites for resources management.

The IRS data is comparable with USA's LANDSAT data in quality and is useful for many applications related to resources survey and management. Since in the global market there is a large demand for Remote Sensing Satellite data, EOSAT is interested in promoting IRS data as an additional data-set to LANDSAT data.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Rate of growth of industrial production

*268. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of growth of indstrial production in the last two years has been in conformity with projections in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of growth in the power sector has in recent years, been consistently higher than that in the manufacturing sector; and

(c) whether the over-whelming proportion of the power sector is constituted by public sector units, including the State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan has envisaged an average annual growth of 8.2 per cent for the manufacturing setcor. The actual growth of manufacturing sector in 1992-93 and 1993-94 was 2.1 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively. Overall industrial growth targets have not been fixed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Unsold watches lying with HMT

*270. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of unsold watches lying with the HMT as on the end of March, 1994;

(b) what are the reasons for declining sales of HMT watches; and